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SUBJ: NEW ORGANIZATIONS: ABBREVIATIONS PROLIFERATE

1. FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE RECENTLY SURFACED IN PORTUGAL:

2. ARA-ACCAO REVOLUCIONARIA ARMADA (ARMED REVOLUTIONARY ACTION); COMMUNIST PARTY'S ARMED MILITIA; GROUP HAS REPORTEDLY DISBANDED FOLLOWING APRIL 1974 COUP BUT HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN RE-ACTIVATED RECENTLY.

3. ARPE--ACCAO REVOLUCIONARIA DOS PRACAS DO EXERCITO (REVOLUTIONARY ACTION OF ARMY ENLISTED MEN); RADICAL SOLDIERS GROUP WHICH HAS COLLABORATED WITH SUV, IN ORGANIZATION OF SEVERAL DEMONSTRATIONS. ARPE WAS LAUNCHED IN MID-SEPTEMBER OF 1975.

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4. CIRP--CENTRO INTERNACIONAL REVOLUCIONARIO EM PORTUGAL (INTER-

NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY CENTER IN PORTUGAL: FOUNDED ON OCTOBER 6, 1975 BY FOREIGN "REVOLUTIONARY SYMPATHIZERS" LIVING IN PORTUGAL, CIRP'S GOALS INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH PORTUGUESE WORKERS AND PROMOTION WITHIN PORTUGAL OF POPULAR POWER. FUR PROGRAM IS ACCEPTED AS POINT OF DEPARTURE.

5. FUR-FRENTE UNITARIA REVOLUCIONARIA (UNITARY REVOLUTIONARY FRONT): FORMED AUGUST 25, 1975, INCLUDES FSP, LCI, LUAR, MDP/CDE, MES, AND PRP-BR, FUR SUPPORTS DIRECT POPULAR CONTROL OF ORGANS OF NATIONAL POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND MILITARY POWER. COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP) ORIGINALLY WAS FUR MEMBER, BUT QUIT AMID CRITICISM BY OTHER MEMBERS THAT IT WAS ATTEMPTING TO DOMINATE FUR. FUR HAS EMERGED AS FOCAL POINT OF NON-MILITARY RESISTANCE TO AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT AND IS QUIETLY BACK BY PCP.

6. SVU--SOLDADOS UNIDOS VENCERAO (UNITED SOLDIERS WILL WIN): APPEARING IN SEPTEMBER OF 1975, SUV HAS GROWN TO BECOME PRINCIPAL RADICAL LEFT MILITARY ORGANIZATION IN PORTUGAL. IT LED THE OCTOBER 7, 1975 OCCUPATION BY RADICAL MILITARY AND CIVILIANS OF THE SERRA DE PILAR ARTILLERY REGIMENT (RASP) NEAR OPORTO. ITS GOALS INCLUDE PURGING OF "FASCIST" OFFICERS, ADOPTION OF DEMOCRATIC MILITARY HIERARCHY AND DISCIPLINARY CODE, AND IMPROVEMENT OF ENLISTED MEN'S WORKING AND LIVING CONDITIONS. MEMBERS OF THE FORMER ARMED FORCES J-5 (AGITPROP) AND EX-PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES ARE LINKED WITH SUV.

7. URAP-UNIAO DOS RESISTANTES ANTI-FASCISTES PORTUGUESES (UNION OF PORTUGUESE ANTI-FASCIST RESISTERS): URAP'S FORMATION WAS ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 10 OVER LISBON RADIO. IT CLAIMS TO BE OPEN TO ALL ANTI-FASCISTS, REGARDLESS OF PARTY AFFILIATION.

8. UCRP-UNIAO COMMUNISTA PARA A RECONSTRUCAO DO PARTIDO (COMMUNIST UNION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PARTY): UCRP HELD SCARCELY NOTED FIRST NATIONAL CONGRESS IN EARLY OCTOBER 1975. AVOWED GOAL IS RESTRUCTURING OF COMMUNIST PARTY IN PORTUGAL, PURGING IT OF "REVISIONIST" CUNHAL FACTION.

9. TUV--TRABALHADORES UNIDOS VENCERAO (UNITED WORKERS WILL WIN): FORMED OCTOBER 20, 1975 BY WORKERS COMMISSIONS FROM 20 FIRMS IN
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LISBON INDUSTRIAL BELT. GOAL IS TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF LISBON AREA WORKERS COMMISSIONS. IT CONSIDERS ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT "RIGHTIST" ORGANIZATION, WHICH CANNOT BE SUCCESSFULLY RESTRUCTURED, AND OPPOSES AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. TUV CLAIMS TO HAVE NO FORMAL CONNECTION WITH SUV BUT TO SUPPORT ITS ACTIVITIES AND GOALS.
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